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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS PROTECTION FORCE

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part II)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 137 appear in the report of the Committee contained in document A/47/825.

2. At its 68th, 69th, 72nd and 74th meetings, on 18, 23 and 27 August and 3 September 1993, the Fifth Committee considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force (A/47/741/Add.1 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/47/986).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/47/L.42

3. At its 74th meeting, on 3 September 1993, the representative of Canada introduced draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.42.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/47/L.42 without a vote (see para. 6).

5. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/47/SR.68, 69, 72 and 74).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Protection Force 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolutions 727 (1992) of 8 January 1992 and 740 (1992) of 7 February 1992, in which the Council endorsed the sending of a group of military liaison officers to Yugoslavia to promote maintenance of the cease-fire,

Bearing in mind also Security Council resolution 743 (1992) of 21 February 1992, by which the Council established the United Nations Protection Force, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 847 (1993) of 30 June 1993,

Recalling its resolutions 46/233 of 19 March 1992 and 47/210 of 22 December 1992 on the financing of the Force,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Force are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Force, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

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1/ A/47/741/Add.1 and Corr.1.

2/ A/47/986.

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Expressing concern about the deteriorating financial situation with regard to the United Nations Protection Force owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears,

Also expressing concern about the delays in submission of budget documents until well into the financial period of the Force, which have contributed to the deteriorating financial situation,

Expressing deep concern about the adverse effect that the deteriorating financial situation has on reimbursement to troop contributors, placing an additional burden on these countries and putting at risk the continuing supply of troops to the Force and, consequently, the success of the operation,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ subject to the text of the present resolution, and approves on an exceptional basis the special arrangements for the United Nations Protection Force with regard to the application of article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations, whereby appropriations required in respect of obligations owed to Governments providing contingents and/or logistic support to the Force shall be retained beyond the period stipulated under financial regulations 4.3 and 4.4, as set out in the annex to the present resolution;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session referred to in paragraph 11 of the present resolution relevant information on the steps undertaken to comply with these recommendations and in particular the recommendation contained in paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee on administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peace-keeping operations; 3/

3. Also requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy, to improve management and to include in the above-mentioned report on this item to the General Assembly the steps taken to improve management;

4. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force promptly and in full;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to explore all possibilities in order to ensure prompt reimbursement to troop-contributing countries;

6. Decides to extend the first financial period by 39 days, up to and including 31 March 1993, and to consolidate and administer the resources provided to the Force for the period from its inception on 12 January 1992 to 31 March 1993, inclusive;

3/ A/47/990.

7. Decides also to appropriate to the Special Account referred to in General Assembly resolution 46/233 the amount of 27,759,900 United States dollars gross (27,269,300 dollars net) authorized and apportioned with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 47/210, for the operation of the United Nations Protection Force for the period from 21 February to 31 March 1993;

8. Decides further to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 227,584,900 dollars gross (226,132,800 dollars net), inclusive of the amount of 141,193,575 dollars gross (139,477,002 dollars net) authorized and apportioned with the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions under the terms of paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 47/210 and the amount of 10 million dollars authorized by the Advisory Committee under the terms of paragraph 1 of General Assembly resolution 46/187 of 20 December 1991, for the maintenance of the Force for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1993, inclusive;

9. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account the amount of 55 million dollars gross to meet the additional start-up requirements owing to the enlargements of the Force in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

10. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Force in an amount not to exceed 200 million dollars gross (198,257,825 net) for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1993, and, subject to the Security Council deciding to continue the Force beyond 30 September 1993 and to obtaining the prior concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the actual level of commitments to be entered into, authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the Force at a rate not to exceed 65 million dollars gross (64,419,275 dollars net) per month for the period from 1 October to 31 December 1993, the said amounts to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, prior to 1 November 1993, a full budget for the United Nations Protection Force for the period from 1 July 1993 to 31 March 1994;

12. Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amounts of 86,391,325 dollars gross (86,655,798 net) for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1993, 55 million dollars for the additional start-up requirements owing to the enlargements of the Force in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and in Bosnia and Herzegovina and 200 million dollars gross (198,257,825 dollars net) for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1993 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 of 23 December 1992, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1992, 1993 and 1994; 4/

4/ See resolution 46/221 A.

13. Decides also that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, shall take into consideration the decrease in their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 264,473 dollars of the amount approved for the United Nations Protection Force for the period from 1 April to 30 June 1993, inclusive;

14. Decides further that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,742,175 dollars for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1993 approved for the United Nations Protection Force;

15. Decides to establish the contributions of Andorra, the Czech Republic, Eritrea, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Monaco and Slovakia to the United Nations Protection Force in accordance with the rates of assessment to be adopted by the General Assembly for these Member States at its forty-eighth session;

16. Invites the new Member States listed in paragraph 15 above to make advance payments against their assessed contributions, to be determined;

17. Invites voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988, 44/192 A of 21 December 1989 and 45/258 of 3 May 1991;

18. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Protection Force".

ANNEX

Special arrangements with regard to the application of Article IV of the Financial Regulations of the United Nations

1. At the end of the twelve-month period provided in regulation 4.3, any unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question relating to goods supplied and services rendered by Governments for which claims have been received or which are covered by established reimbursement rates shall be transferred to accounts payable; such accounts payable shall remain recorded in the Special Account until payment is effected;

2. (a) Any other unliquidated obligations of the financial period in question owed to Governments for goods supplied and services rendered, as well as other obligations owed to Governments, for which required claims have not yet been received shall remain valid for an additional period of four years following the end of the twelve-month period provided for in regulation 4.3;

(b) Claims received during this four-year period shall be treated as provided under paragraph 1 of the present annex, if appropriate;

(c) At the end of the additional four-year period, any unliquidated obligations shall be cancelled and the then remaining balance of any appropriations retained therefor shall be surrendered.